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PRODUCTIVITY OF FORESTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has drawn up any plan to increase the productivity of forests through the use of quality seeds;

(b) If so, the criteria to be adopted for making the quality seeds available to user agencies; and

(c) the details of the plan and the steps initiated in this regard so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a), (b) and (c) The Ministry of Environment and Forests is implementing a Grants-in-Aid for Greening India scheme, which focuses on production and use of quality planting material. Use of seeds of authentic origin, including from properly established seed orchards and Plus trees, is one of the criterion for production of high quality planting material. Grants under the scheme are provided for setting up of high-tech and satellite nurseries, for production of such high quality planting material. In addition, Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education under the Ministry and its institutes, as well as State Forest Departments, have also identified Plus trees of a large number of forest species and seed production areas after progeny trials, from where user agencies are provided quality seeds.